

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED MARCH 7, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2007, for which the three-month date for response was June 7, 2007.

A request for a one-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This one-month extension will bring the due date to July 7, 2007, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2027.631000RE.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. The amendments to the claims begin on page 2, and the remarks begin on page 7.